



The voice of the

HWARANG



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For the warriors of RSO&I

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What's up

Maintaining the standard

Soldiers in uniform are prohibited from wearing black backpacks over the shoulder while they are deployed for RSO&I. The government issued "ruck sack" may be worn at all times during the exercise.

Troop Command leaders have instructed soldiers to follow this uniform policy.

Deployment Reminders

Leaders emphasize that deployed soldiers conduct themselves in ways that are considerate to one another.

While in the billets cell phone ringers should be shut off, and light discipline should be maintained, meaning that only the red flashlight lens should be used while others are sleeping, and priority always goes to the individual who is sleeping.

For the benefit of all, individual equipment should be locked up when unattended.

No golf course shortcuts

Personnel are prohibited from taking shortcuts across the Camp Walker golf course.

Leaders are prepared to identify violators of this policy.

No alcohol during exercise

No alcohol is to be consumed by exercise personnel in accordance with U.S. Forces Korea Regulation 27-5. Consumption of alcohol during exercise play is punitive, and individuals who violate this regulation may be subject to discipline and punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Live, from CP Oscar . . . Keeping Eighth Army on the VTC

By Spc. Keisha Lunsford

How do senior Army officers from throughout the peninsula meet and discuss tactics and strategies during this year's Reception, Staging, Onward-movement and Integration exercise?

Well, they use a sophisticated communication system called Video-Teleconferencing Control. And a dedicated maintenance crew at Command Post Oscar keeps the system here at Camp Walker up and running.

"Everyone can't be at the same site at once," said Spc. Raymond LeDay, systems analyst for the Oscar VTC room, "so that's where the role of VTC comes in."

The communication system is used as a commanders' tool, which supports the U.S. Forces Korea commander and works as a bridge so commanders can talk live with each other from distant locations. Also, it eliminates the dangerous situation of all commanders being in one place at one time.

Since the CINC and other commanders

discuss sensitive information over the airwaves, the software that the VTC uses scrambles the data as it is transmitted. They use the Global Command and Control System of Korea, a form of warfare software that uses slide shows and maps with very sensitive information.

He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Pfc. Omar D. Pastrana keeps the VTC equipment constantly maintained and ready for use by EUSA commanders.

Pfc. Park, Joon-Yung

Successful COMMO equals battlefield success

By Pfc. Park, Joon-Yung

As you all know, the 'Correct Communication' between battlefield and operation centers is one of the most important factors for mission completion.

For that reason, many kinds of communicating method have been invented and developed.

Pvt. Eric K. Williams, of 293rd Sig. Co., receives a help request.



Pfc. Park, Joon-Yung

And today we mainly use LAN and telephone systems for fast communication.

Unfortunately, these 'high speed' devices come with all-too frequent malfunctions. So who you gonna call?

How about the guys who are handier than you when it comes to computers and phones. They are the soldiers working at the Command Post Oscar Information Management Office help desk during RSO&I 2001.

"I like my job because I am of help to other people," said Pvt. Eric K. Williams, who handles DSN connections, 293rd Signal Company. "And one of the good points of my job is that I can visit different people's work place" he said.



The spirit of “Hwarang”

It's April, and warriors have amassed to show their combat readiness in this year's Reception, Staging, Onward Movement & Integration.

RSO&I is a routine, regularly scheduled mid spring exercise involving forces from both the Republic of Korea and the United States. It is designed to evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems necessary for the conduct of contingency operation of R.O.K and U.S. Forces.

RSO&I demonstrates ROK-US interoperability and Combined Forces Command's capability, as well as the commitment to defend Korea.

Fifteen centuries ago, when this part of Korea was known as the Kingdom of Shilla, a group of Shilla warriors called the “Hwarang” demonstrated their battle skills and their nobility in this same area. The Hwarang was a youth organization led by a single “Kook sun,” the spiritual leader. Under this leader, the Hwarangs led thousands of “Nangdo”, to become a Hwarang. These young, aspiring warriors trained in martial arts and in academics, aspiring to become a Hwarang. A knightly code of conduct resulted from Hwarang-do training, and the Hwarang members visited beautiful places within the Kingdom, engaging in both military and spiritual exercises to cleanse and train their minds and bodies.

It is in the spirit of Hwarang that this newsletter was created to honor the servicemembers and events of this year's RSO&I that demonstrate the spirit of Hwarang.

This newsletter is also available on-line at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/hwarang/hwarang.htm>.

If any of our readers know of any sections or individuals who possess this spirit of courage, intelligence and nobility, let us know by calling 764-3611 / 764-3610 or e-mailing us at rozeanj@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Voices of RSO&I

What have you learned from this exercise?



**SFC Bernie
Summa, 307th
Signal Company**

We've learned a lot about the VTC and how important it is, the updates, and how many VTC locations there are. Overall, it's great to see how well people have worked together.



**CPT Teresa F.
Burke, 412th
ENCOM Fwd**

During this exercise I have gained a better understanding of the Engineers role in the war fight. Keys to success have stemmed from constant coordination with internal/external staff sections.

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and the U.S. Secret Service can't even unscramble it.

For the 2001 RSOI, there are four other VTC sites on the peninsula, to include CP Tango, CC Seoul, Third Republic of Korea Army (TROKA) and the Second Republic of Korea Army (SROKA). The conference room inside CP OSCAR, which holds about three or four conferences per day, seats about 40 people.

"It gets real busy," said LeDay. Before each conference, the VTC staff deals with the pressure of getting their job done under the time crunch, and part of that involves performing certain checks.

The crew must check the audio, video and lighting systems; their primary and secondary

phones connection to other VTC sites; and the primary and the secondary speakers.

"VTC is the technical aspect of the G-6 Message Center," said Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Cabe, NCOIC CP OSCAR Message Center. This is Cabe's fourth exercise, so he's seen the VTC room improve. Cabe said he's seen new soldiers come and get a good handle on learning the VTC room quickly, then have to leave after their one-year tour.

This is LeDay's first field exercise with Eighth U.S. Army. He said he will be more prepared next time, since the exercise has allowed him to get familiar with the setup of the VTC room and the contacts.

He said he feels his job is very important to the leaders because the outcome of their discussions are directly linked to the VTC.

Voices of RSO&I

What have you learned from this exercise?



**SPC David
Pechon G-3, IO**

I learned the mission that we serve in the republic of Korea is important. I learned a lot in Korea than in my military career.



**SFC Harold F. Neal,
19th TSC**

During this exercise I learned about how important it is when it comes to U.S. Armed Forces preparation and readiness. It shows just that we are ready and fit to fight. War Eagle Pride.

Put into the spotlight

Training to survive on the media battlefield

By Sgt. 1st Class Lek Mateo
100th Mobile Public Affairs Office
Texas Army National Guard

Soldiers are trained to react when they come under fire, but what do you do when the bullets that are being shot at you are not made of lead, but instead are made of high caliber questions fired in rapid sequence by reporters?

Standing under the media spotlight, Maj. Gen. Donald F. Campbell, the Deputy Commanding General of Support for the Eighth U.S. Army, Korea came under fire recently as a multitude of military journalists, role playing their civilian counterparts, barraged him with boundless questions during the first in a series of simulated press conferences held this week as part of this year's Reception, Staging, Onward-movement and Integration

exercise.

The series of press briefings included four other EUSA general officers as well as one from the 2nd Republic of Korea Army.

Campbell and the other general officers were queried by several media role players from 19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs, EUSA Public Affairs, and the Texas National Guard's 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment out of Austin Texas.

But before the general officers were put in the media cross-fire, they were given guidance on the finer points of dealing with civilian media when conducting a press conference by 100th MPAD PA specialists. After the conference, the leaders were given feedback on their performances.

Campbell knows all too well, the pitfalls soldiers can encounter when speaking to a civilian reporter. He recognizes the value this

type of training will provide to soldiers at every level.

"I've watched soldiers confronted with questions that are hard to answer during my deployments to Haiti, Northern Iraq and Turkey and believe this type of training is excellent preparation for anyone from a private to a general officer," he said.

"If you prepare your soldiers now, they are less likely to say something that is out of line when someone puts a microphone in their face," he said.

"The most important instruction that you can give them is to stay in their lane. It is absolutely vital that the more training you provide them with, the better they will be."

The lessons that Campbell and the other general officers gained during this exercise will help them survive on the media battlefield of tomorrow.



What's up

Keeping MOPP in mind

Know your Mission Oriented Protective Posture levels.

MOPP 0 - Protective clothing and equipment is readily available.

MOPP 1 - The overgarment and helmet cover are worn.

MOPP 2 - Overboots are added.

MOPP 3 - Protective mask and hood are added.

MOPP 4 - Gloves are readded.

Also, it is a good idea to check your mask for a good fit as well as for a proper seal.

Off Post

Personnel traveling off-post in Area IV during leisure hours need to use the "Buddy System," and they need to have their Status of Forces Agreement card as well as an emergency telephone number card with them at all times.

Security

Classified document security is the responsibility of each section. Sections should destroy classified material as it becomes obsolete. Also, individuals should avoid discussing exercise issues outside the controlled areas.

Locations of CPs, your role in the exercise, or the duration and scope of the exercise, or the duration and scope of the exercise are not to be discussed over open telephone lines.

Inspiration

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first STEP.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Two Armies, one mission

ROK/US: integrating in defense of the same freedom

By Spc. Amy Bombassaro
100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

"Anytime you start talking about integrating anything, first see what you have, where you are, and where you need to go," said Lt. Col. Patricia A. Spearman, 8th Army Operations Center day shift battle captain for Reception, Staging, Onward-movement and Integration 2001.

Soldiers of the Eighth U.S. Army have been following this analogy for the RSO&I 01 exercise. They are incorporating this approach to effectively mold U.S. and Republic of Korea combined forces.

"It's like getting married. We have to sort out what I can do and what you can do. Everybody stays in their own lane. We have just one mission and one focus," said Spearman.

The goal of the two forces is to create a common operating picture, according to Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Klein, 8th U.S. Army Chief of Staff (Individual Mobilized Augmentee).

"If I go to SROKA [Second Republic of Korea Army] Headquarters and look at their maps or get a briefing from them, I should hear the same information coming from their staff officers that I hear from ours here at Eighth Army," said Klein.

Technological difference between the countries is not a major issue, however they do exist.

"We have to make sure our technology matches," said Spearman. "If I bring an IBM [computer] to the table and you bring a MAC [computer] to the table, we have a problem.

My IBM may be just as good as your MAC; we just selected different things. So, if moving down the road means we have to get something that's compatible, it's not that I have something that is inferior to yours. It's just that we have to get on the same sheet of music."

Klein said one way the two forces are working toward a common ground is by using the Global Command and Control System-Korea (GCCS-K) system. They have placed a concentrated effort on the system during RSO&I, using it to its full potential.

"At any major headquarters, we should be able to bring up current situational maps on the GCCS-K system. Ideally, it would tell us all the basic information related to that event," said Klein.

The language differences have not suppressed efforts towards achieving this common operating picture. Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army, called KATUSAs, are liaisons between U.S. and Korean units. KATUSAs help bridge the language gap.

"They are very sharp young people and do very good job for us," he said. "They have to have a basic knowledge of English, and many of them have some college [education]."

According to Brig. Gen. Lee, Kuang Dong, Chief of Operations branch of the Second Republic of Korea Army, the forces are working out language differences.

"I can't say there are no language barriers. But we are conducting many combined exercises such as RSO&I and Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) so that R.O.K. and U.S. soldiers can communicate effectively," said Lee.

Weather report for Taegu, South Korea

Today

Partly Cloudy
Hi: 73°F Lo: 48°F



27 April - Partly Cloudy
28 April - Mostly Cloudy

Weather